

REMARKS

The instant divisional application relates to the subject matter of Group II from the restriction requirement formally stated in the Official Action dated February 15, 2001. As set forth therein, Group II contained original dependent claims 15-17 of which claims 15 and 16 originally depended from any one of claims 1-7 and claim 17 originally depended from any one of claims 8-14 of which claim 8 depended from claim 1.

By the present Preliminary Amendment, the subject matter of original claim 15 has been combined with the subject matter of claim 1 and has been presented as new independent claim 24 with dependent claims 25-30 representing the subject matter of original claims 2-7, but now relating to the defined resist rather than a composition. Similarly, the subject matter of original claim 16 has been combined with the subject matter of claim 1 and has been presented as new independent claim 31 with dependent claims 32-37 representing the subject matter of original claims 2-7, but again relating to the defined resist rather than a composition. Finally, the subject matter of claim 17 has been combined with claims 1 and 8 has been presented as new independent claim 38 with dependent claims 39-44 representing the subject matter of claims 9-14 which again have been modified to relate to the defined resist.

Favorable consideration on the merits is respectfully requested.

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Should the Examiner wish to discuss any aspect of the present application, the
Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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